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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES		Attorney Docket No.: HIRA1140	
		In re Application of: Mukouyama et al.	
		Application No: 09/408,142	Filed: September 29, 1999
		For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING L-ASPARTIC ACID	
		Group Art Unit: 1651	Examiner: Shahnan-Shah, K.S.

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated August 13, 2002 of the Examiner rejecting claims 10 and 18-24.

1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Appeal Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(b))	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other than small entity	\$320.00
		small entity	\$160.00

2.	X	A petition and fee for an extension of time for reply to the rejection is attached.						
X	Extension Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a))							
	X	Other than small entity						
		\$110.00		\$410.00	X	\$820.00*		\$1,450.00
						*Balance only (\$110.00 previously paid with response filed on 12/19/02)		
		Small entity						
		\$55.00		\$205.00		\$465.00		\$725.00

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3.	X	Enclosed is a check in the total amount of \$1,140.00 (\$320.00; to file the Notice of Appeal and \$820.00 for the balance of the Three (3) Month Extension of Time fee). The Commissioner may charge any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355.
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February 19, 2003

Date



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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **February 19, 2003**, addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Karen LePari
(Name of person mailing paper)


Signature

February 19, 2003
Date